Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

The formal objections to the claims have been addressed.

Only independent claim 23 and dependent claims 24 - 26 which depended from claim 23 have been rejected on art. Accordingly this amendment cancels independent claim 23 and amends claims 24-26 so that they depend from allowable claim 22.

These actions place all the claims in the case in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

Atty's 22136

Pat. App. 10/070,019

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

Respectfully submitted, The Firm of Karl F. Ross P.C.

Andrew Wilford, 26,597
Attorney for Applicant

16 September 2004 5676 Riverdale Avenue Box 900 Bronx, NY 10471-0900

Cust. No.: 535

Tel: (718) 884-6600 Fax: (718) 601-1099

Enclosure:

Request for extension (two months)